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Remarks

Claims 10 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Osawa '588. Claims 10, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuhiko DE '527. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 11 through 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to these rejections, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to include the limitations of allowable claim 11 which has accordingly been cancelled. The remaining dependent claims have been appropriately amended for consistency therewith. Thus, all claims are either allowable or dependent upon an allowable base claim and therefore allowable thereby placing this application in a position for patentability. Passage to issuance is therefore requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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